

# Beatrice Police Department



## 2005 Annual Report

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## A Word from Chief Lang...



Dear Mayor, Council and Citizens of Beatrice,

I am proud to present to you the 2005 Annual Report of the Beatrice Police Department. I would like to thank all the members of my staff who worked hard to assemble the information for you and specifically Traci Baehr, whose job it was to publish the manual.

Crime in communities such as ours fluctuates from year to year with thefts being higher one year and maybe assaults or vandalisms higher the next. Of greatest concerns to the Department are continued high levels of any one area which could indicate a reduction in our quality of life. We pride ourselves on quick response times, complete and thorough investigations and caring, compassionate treatment of victims of crime. The Department will continue to target specific areas of crime with innovation and diligence, which is in my opinion the mark of a progressive and effective law enforcement agency.

In reviewing the report we see a large increase in domestic violence cases. Reports are up, arrests increased and the number of protection orders issued for these victims has increased dramatically. Several factors can be attributed to this increase. Meth or alcohol abuse continue to be an element of most domestic violence situations. A zero tolerance by officers results in greater numbers of arrests for domestic violence. The greatest benefit to victims of domestic violence comes from our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Kerri McGrury. Kerri walks victims through the protection order process, attends court hearings with the victim and provides counseling to victims who may waiver in their commitment to see a case through. This program is funded through a grant with only in kind services provided as a match. I can't imagine going back to the days when we were unable to help victims of not only domestic violence but all crime victims in Gage County.

Our vehicle situation is approaching a critical point. Throughout the 1990's we were able to replace two vehicles per year. This allowed us to keep our fleet within reasonable mileage limits, thus reducing our repair costs and down time to our vehicles. As budgets tightened we were reduced to one new vehicle per year and in one year none. This resulted in all other marked units logging more miles before being retired. We now are faced with several marked units in excess of 75000 miles which becomes inefficient for city patrol cars. Prompt service and careful operation will help prolong the life of these vehicles, however, it is our hope that as the economy improves we can return to a more efficient and effective vehicle rotation.

As always, if while reviewing this report you have questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce E. Lang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Bruce E. Lang  
Chief of Police  
City of Beatrice

## **Mission Statement**

“The Beatrice Police Department will provide service and protection to its citizens through a professional and caring staff of sworn and non-sworn personnel.

A strong patrol presence, supported by various other divisions within the department will be the basis for our crime prevention efforts. Members of the department will work to maintain the standard of living that citizens of Beatrice have come to enjoy.”



Chief of Police  
Bruce Lang  
1992



Police Secretary  
Traci Baehr  
2005



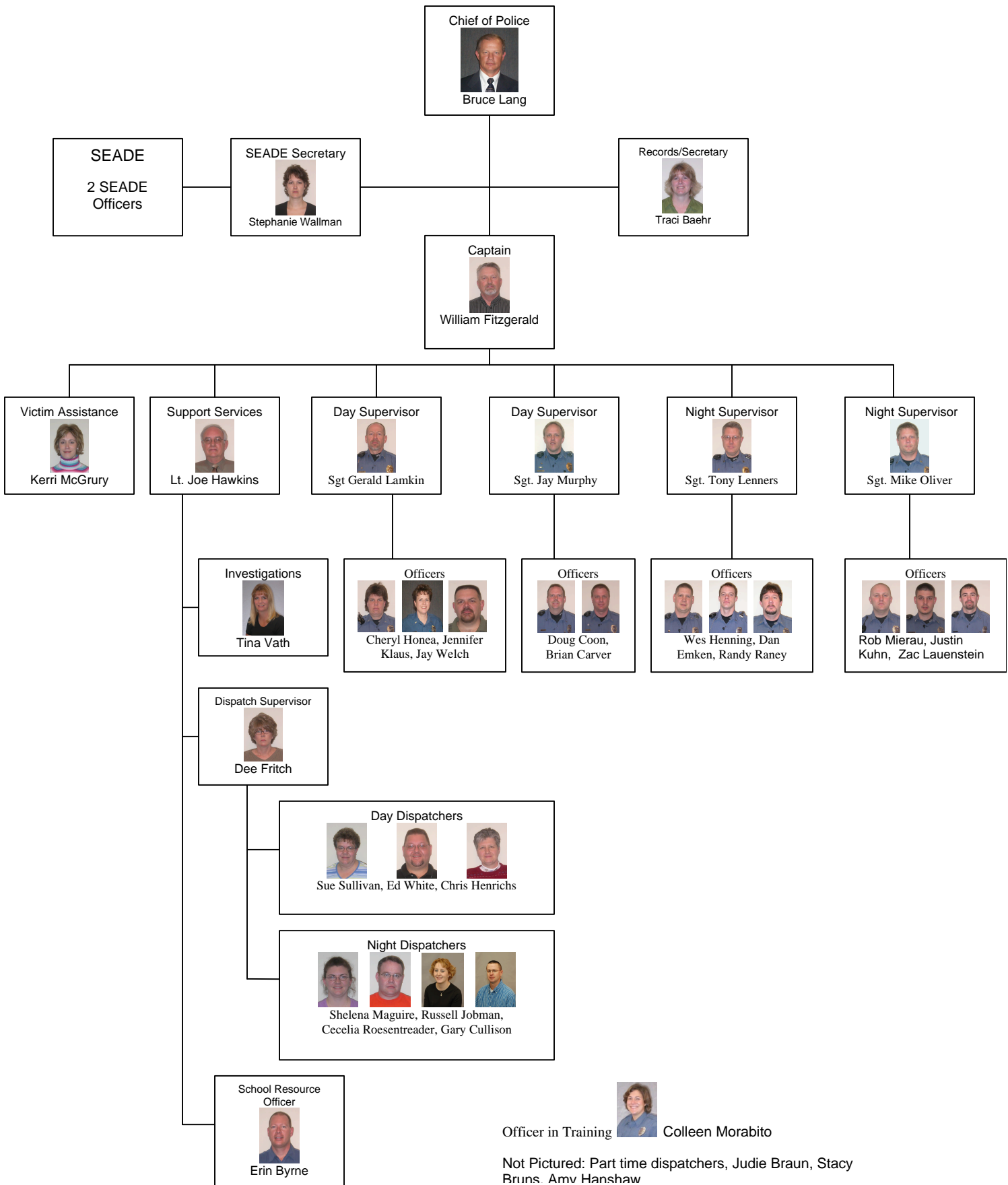
Victim Assistance Coordinator  
Kerri McGrury  
1998



SEADE Task Force Secretary/Juvenile Services Coordinator  
Stephanie Wallman  
2000

# Anniversary

# Beatrice Police Department Organizational Chart 2005



## **Changes in Staff 2005**

### **Promotions**

- None

### **New Hires**

- Traci Baehr – Secretary – March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Randy Raney – Officer – April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Colleen Morabito – Officer – October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Amy Hanshaw – PT Dispatcher – September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005

### **Resignations**

- Doraine Fitzgerald – Secretary – February, 2005
- Ron Feather – Officer – May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005
- Jamie Hurley – Dispatcher – July, 2005

### **Retirements**

- None

## 2005 Grants

This year we applied for and were awarded a total of nine grants. The first of which was an award from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for a new in car camera system. This was awarded as a result of our participation in the Nebraska Law Enforcement Occupant Protection Challenge in 2004. Originally we had been awarded a \$300 digital camera for our participation, however after some discussion with them they decided to award the in car camera system instead. This was more beneficial for us as one of our in car camera systems was worn out and did need replacing.

The second grant we were awarded was a Selective Enforcement Mini Grant from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety for alcohol enforcement. The grant covered overtime expenses for the Think B4 You Wink Program, which concentrates on the reduction of the consumption of alcohol by minors.

Our third grant was from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the purchase of equipment for member agencies of the S.E.A.D.E. Task Force.

The fourth grant we were awarded was from the Nebraska State Patrol and was also to go towards the purchase of equipment for member agencies of the S.E.A.D.E. Task Force.

This grant and the above grant were used to purchase night vision goggles, self contained breathing apparatus, and other drug enforcement equipment for five of the member agencies.

Our fifth grant was a Selective Enforcement Mini Grant from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. This grant was for enforcement of traffic laws and is part of Operation Click It or Ticket, which is aimed at the education of the public on the use of occupant restraints.

The next grant awarded was from the Victims of Crime Act through the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. This was awarded to allow the continuation of our Victims Assistance Program, which has proven beneficial to victims of crime as well as the law enforcement community.

The seventh grant awarded was from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the continuation of the S.E.A.D.E. Task Force. The Task Force covers a six county area and has been actively investigating drug activity in those areas.

The grant pays for two investigators and a part time secretary for the Task Force.

The next grant we received was from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to pay for the part time salary of the Community Services Coordinator. The S.E.A.D.E. secretary also performs the function of the Community Services Coordinator on a part time basis.



The last grant we received was from the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety in the form of a Selective Enforcement Mini Grant to take part in Operation Click It or Ticket.

A break down of the awarded grants is shown below:

January	<p>The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety awarded a grant for an in car video system.</p> <p>Grant Award: \$3,330 Match Funds: -0-</p>
January	<p>The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety awarded a Selective Enforcement Mini Grant for the Think B4 You Wink Program. The grant paid for 30 hours of overtime.</p> <p>Grant Award: \$949 Match Funds: -0-</p>
January	<p>The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant to purchase equipment for S.E.A.D.E.</p> <p>Grant Award: \$9,275 Match Funds: 1,031</p>
February	<p>The Nebraska State Patrol awarded a grant for the purchase of equipment for S.E.A.D.E.</p> <p>Grant Award: \$15,000 Match Funds: -0-</p>
May	<p>The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety awarded a Selective Enforcement Mini Grant for Operation Click It or Ticket. The grant paid for 60 man hours of overtime and vehicle expense.</p> <p>Grant Award: \$1,933 Match Funds: -0-</p>
July	<p>The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant for the continuation of our Victim Assistance Program.</p> <p>Grant Award: \$38,000 Match Funds: 2,567 In kind match: 6,933</p>
July	<p>The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant for the continuation of the S.E.A.D.E. Task Force.</p> <p>Grant Award: \$91,900 Match Funds: 30,633</p>

August        The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice awarded a grant for the part time Community Services Coordinator.

Grant Award: \$19,387  
Match Funds:    7,755

November     The Nebraska Office of Highway Safety awarded a Selective Enforcement Mini Grant for Operation Click It or Ticket. The grant paid for 42 man hours of overtime and vehicle expense.

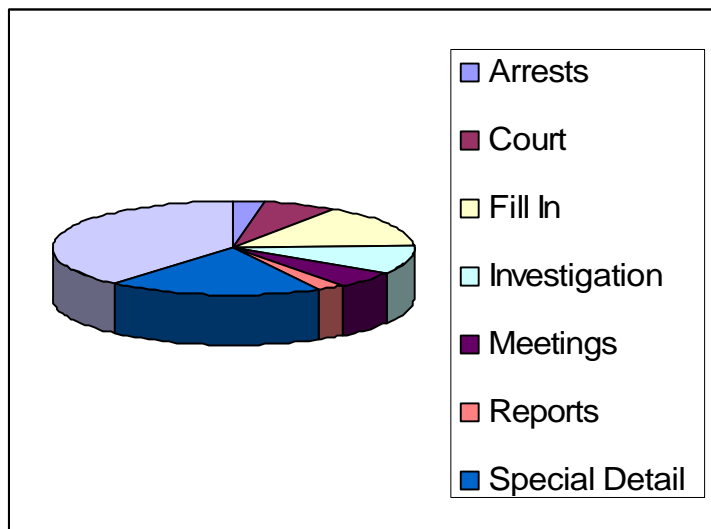
Grant Award: \$1,452  
Match Funds:    -0-

## 2005 Overtime

The good news this year is that our overtime is down 14% from last year. All areas of overtime reflected a decrease with the exception of arrest and training. Arrests showed a minor increase of 10% which is expected to fluctuate from year to year. Training overtime increased by 262%, largely due to the emergency response team training for an exercise put on by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The exercise was part of the Nebraska Homeland Security Exercise Program and was held at the college in March. The exercise was designed to test our response to a terrorist type situation and involved a hostage situation and explosions which released hazardous materials. The City was reimbursed for 151 hours of the training by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Other reimbursed overtime included 71 hours for the Click It or Ticket safety belt enforcement campaign, which was paid by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. The Think B4 You Wink campaign was funded for 30 hours by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety and for 62 hours by the School District through a SICA grant. We have done our best to keep the overtime down and I believe that we have managed to succeed. A breakdown of the overtime is shown below.

### Overtime Totals

Arrests	51.8
Court	117.5
Fill In	270.8
Investigation	179.4
Meetings	104.8
Reports	46.0
Special Detail	351.0
Training	705.0
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1826.3</b>





Lt. Joe Hawkins  
1969



Dispatch Supervisor  
Desiree Fritch  
1985



Sue Sullivan  
1992



Chris Henrichs  
1993



Ed White  
1994



Shelena Maguire  
2001



Russell Jobman  
2003



Cecilia Rosentreader  
2004



Gary Cullison  
2004

#### Part time Dispatchers:

Judie Braun - 1987

Stacy Bruns - 2004

Amy Hanshaw - 2005

COMMUNICATIONS

## Communications Center

The Communications Center has had an interesting year which brought about many changes. We did have a dispatcher resign in August, however we were able to draw from our part time dispatchers to fill the vacant full time position. Since that time we have been able to hire another part time dispatcher, who is presently in training.

In February, we were able to replace our old DAT tape recorder with a new digital recorder. The new recorder uses DVDs to archive our radio and telephone traffic instead of tapes. There are two archiving drives so that when one DVD gets full it will automatically switch to the other drive. When it does this it will also automatically eject the full DVD and print out a label reflecting the dates covered on the DVD. Now instead of having to change DAT tapes every two weeks, we can run for at least a month before we have to change a DVD. With the new recorder we can call up radio or telephone traffic at our computer and upon request e mail a recording instead of having to make a copy on tape or CD then delivering the tape or CD. It is a time saver to say the least. The recorder was obtained with funds provided by Homeland Security through the Gage County Emergency Management Office.

The second improvement was the purchase of a new 100 KW standby emergency generator. Our old generator was a military surplus model and was only 50 KW. Since it was only 50 KW we were not able to run the entire police department on emergency power and could not utilize heating or air conditioning. The new generator will power the entire building to include our heating and cooling system in the event of a power failure. The generator also is self starting in the event of a power loss and also will automatically start itself once a week and conducts a test of the system. Another bonus with this generator is that it can be started remotely from the communication center without someone having to go outside and manually starting the engine, as we had to do with the old one. We were able to purchase the generator with funds from Homeland Security funds provided through the Gage County Emergency Management Office.

In December our biggest improvement took place. We were able to replace our two position dispatch stations with all new work stations and furniture. Not only were the two positions replaced, but we were also able to add a third work station to be utilized during emergencies and for future expansion. The new work stations include a new radio system and new base radios. Of course, any new system requires different protocols for the dispatchers to get used to, but everyone seems to be adapting to the changes with no major problems. The two main work stations have the ability to raise and lower the working area and the keyboard platform independently by the press of a button. This is a feature that all of the dispatchers are enjoying. Of course, we could not have all new work station furniture without sprucing up the room that it occupies. Paint was donated and two of our dispatchers painted the walls a neutral gray. The Beatrice Rural Fire Department covered the expense of new carpet for the communication center, so we now have all new carpet squares on the floor. The carpet squares are very handy in that we can lift up a few

of the squares to get to the raised floor sections allowing us to get under the raised floor for maintenance without having to remove a large area of carpeting. If you get the chance please do stop in and see how much better the communications center looks. We are very proud of it.

Of course we have had many upgrades to our CAD software during year as well as some upgrades to our mapping system for the enhanced wireless 911. Before the upgrades, if someone made a wireless 911 call the tower that received the call would be reflected on our computer screen map along with a red radius line showing the coverage of that tower.

This meant that the caller could be located anywhere within that radius. With the upgrade if we receive a wireless 911 call and the tower is a sector tower, meaning that there are several receiving antenna on the tower and not just an omni directional single antenna, the map will reflect the area covered by sector receiving the call. This will be shown by a red pie shaped area instead of a radius around the tower. What this means is that the call came from within the pie shaped area, which greatly reduces the area that would need to be searched in the event the caller did not know where they were and needed help. Unfortunately not all cell towers are sectored, so until they are we will have to deal with the large radius around some cell towers.

Once again, we invite you to stop by and take a look at the communications center and see how nice it is. We are quite proud of it.



## THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN 2005

The Beatrice Communications Center still has seven full time dispatchers, one floater and three part timer dispatchers. Three dispatchers share the duties during the day and four share the duties on the night shift. The part timers help out on Saturdays and Sundays and fill in during vacations or illnesses.

Chris Henrichs is considered our “floater” which means she assists in dispatch when needed and helps the secretary out with the records portion of the Beatrice Police Department.

The other dispatchers at the Beatrice Communications Center are lead dispatcher, Dee Fritch, Sue Sullivan and Ed White who all work day shift. Night shift consists of Shelena Maguire, Russ Jobman, Cecelia Rosentraeder and Gary Cullison. Part timers are Judie Braun, Stacy Bruns and Amy Hanshaw. All dispatchers are required to be trained in the same areas, whether they are full time or part time.

The day shift dispatchers work from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., with the exception of the lead dispatcher who works an eight hour shift. Day shift at the Beatrice Communications Center answer numerous phone calls, half being administrative calls. The night shift dispatchers work either 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. to either 3:00 a.m. or 6:00 a.m. Their calls for service are generated more by officer initiated rather than phone calls. They still get their share of phone calls but the radio traffic is more frequent on nights.

The dispatcher's duties have not gotten any less regardless of the number of calls for service. We had many stressful type calls this year ranging from fatality accidents, suicides, missing person call that ended in a fatality accident and robberies. The dispatcher must maintain their composure while taking the information from the caller and dispatching the appropriate responders.

Many times the dispatcher may take an emergency call where the reporting party does not know where they are or where the emergency is. We have enhanced 911 at the Communications Center but that does not pin point a location when the caller is using a cell phone. This is the time that the dispatcher must ask numerous questions to try to ascertain where the caller is. This occurs mostly on injury accidents when the caller is confused or disoriented. We have had a couple times in 2005 where other agencies have had to be called out assist in locating where the emergency is located at.

The dispatcher has to be as good as a listener as a call giver. A lot of times, the caller's voice will reflect just how much of an emergency the call actually is. There are call types that the dispatcher needs to keep the caller on the phone until the officer or deputy arrives on scene. It is very important that the dispatcher gets all information and relays it to the officer or deputy.

We have found, throughout the years, not everyone can be an emergency dispatcher. It takes someone who can multi-task and listen to three or four

conversations at one time and remember what they pertained to. We have attempted to train numerous people to be dispatchers and usually after a week of training, if they don't think they can handle the job, they don't return.

In December of 2005 we got the new consoles for dispatch along with a new radio system. It helps in the appearance of the communications center and makes it more enjoyable to come to work.

All in all, I think the 2005 year was a good one for the Beatrice Communications Center. We only lost one full time dispatcher but were able to replace her with a part timer that was already trained. Here's hoping that 2006 can go as smooth as 2005 did.

Lead Dispatcher

Dee Fritch



## 2005 CALLS FOR SERVICE

This list is a total for the entire county of Gage including the Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriffs Office, Wymore Police Department, Gage County Game Warden, Board of Public Works, Animal Warden and all Gage County Rural Fire/Rescue Agencies.

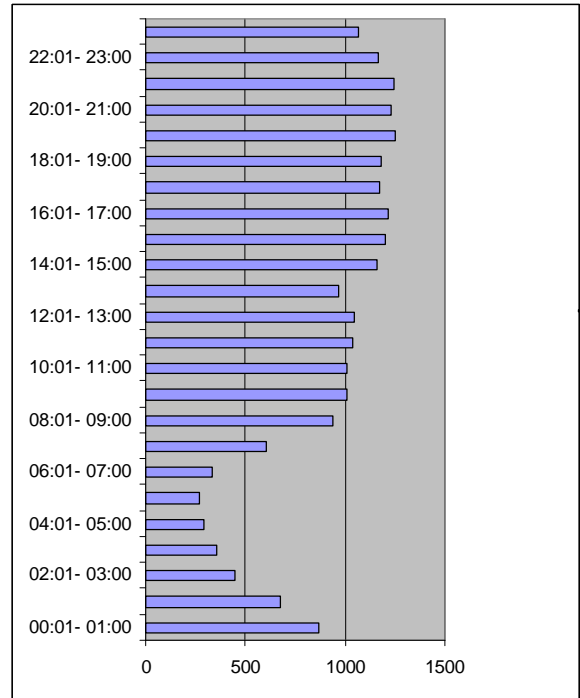
<b>TYPE OF CALL</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
911 Hang Up	370	321
Accident/Fatality	4	8
Accident/Injuries	163	161
Accident/No Injuries	1038	965
Adult Abuse	8	5
Alarm	252	205
ALS	12	16
Animal Bite	58	60
Animal Complaint	1212	898
Animal Cruelty	65	91
Arson	3	1
Assault	183	191
Assist Citizen	266	249
Assist Other Agency	221	215
Attempted Suicide	22	17
Bar Check	31	11
Barking Dog	117	135
BPW	260	224
Burglar Alarm	129	165
Burglary	139	166
Child Abuse	185	192
Civil	256	211
Complaint against Officer	0	5
Crime Stoppers	24	20
Death	69	70
Disorderly Conduct	8	9
Disturbance	455	474
Driving Under Suspension	28	21
Drug Information	132	130
Drug Lab	17	38
Drug Violation	47	49
DWI	79	122
Embezzlement	3	3
EPC	17	11
Escort	166	147

<b>Type of Call</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Fail to Appear	4	13
Failure to Appear	6	14
False Reporting	0	5
Field Interview	119	35
Fire	215	238
Fire Alarm	121	163
Forgery	34	43
Found Animal	265	293
Found Property	349	301
Fraud	41	79
Game Violation	0	12
Gas Drive Off	97	95
General Information	1009	1066
Harassment	210	180
Health Hazard	33	28
Hitch Hiker	7	15
Indecent Exposure	12	5
Injury	12	1
Junked Motor Vehicles	98	72
Juvenile	459	470
Liquor Laws	72	67
Lost Animal	147	170
Lost Property	146	167
Mental	31	69
MIP	8	5
Missing Person	45	36
Motor Vehicle Theft	45	55
Motorist Assist	406	363
Noise	310	304
Open Door	52	52
Ordinance Violation	186	107
Out of Unit	412	398
Paper Service	183	569
Parking Complaint	393	427
Probation Violation	7	11
Property Damage	59	76
Protection Order Violation	76	50
Prowler	24	20
Public Service	126	75
Pursuit	10	14
Rape	3	5
Remove Party	111	96
Rescue	923	931

<b>Type of Call</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Robbery	3	2
Runaway	150	148
SEADE	48	65
Sexual Assault	44	38
Shoplifting	87	51
Solicitor	14	27
Suicide	3	4
Suspicious	670	610
Terrorism	6	2
Theft	683	718
Threats	91	97
Traffic Hazard	161	115
Traffic Stop	43	37
Traffic Stops	3370	3209
Transfer	773	837
Transport	60	173
Trash	89	84
Trespassing	41	38
Truancy	11	37
Unknown	43	4
Vacation Watch	131	106
Vandalism	624	499
Vehicle Complaint	1022	1051
Warrants	241	300
Watch	135	114
Weapons Law Violation	7	10
Weather	41	32
Welfare Check	561	527
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22057</b>	<b>21736</b>

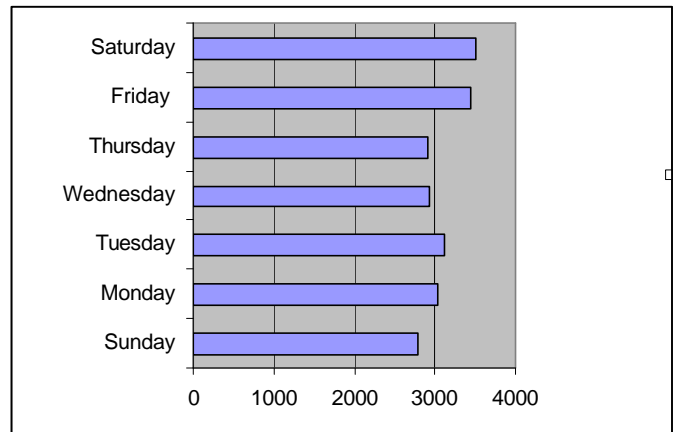
## 2005 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY HOUR OF DAY

<u>Times</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>
00:01- 01:00	870
01:01- 02:00	676
02:01- 03:00	448
03:01- 04:00	354
04:01- 05:00	293
05:01- 06:00	267
06:01- 07:00	337
07:01- 08:00	605
08:01- 09:00	935
09:01- 10:00	1006
10:01- 11:00	1012
11:01- 12:00	1036
12:01- 13:00	1043
13:01- 14:00	970
14:01- 15:00	1159
15:01- 16:00	1201
16:01- 17:00	1213
17:01- 18:00	1173
18:01- 19:00	1183
19:01- 20:00	1254
20:01- 21:00	1228
21:01- 22:00	1241
22:01- 23:00	1167
23:01- 24:00	1065
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21736</b>



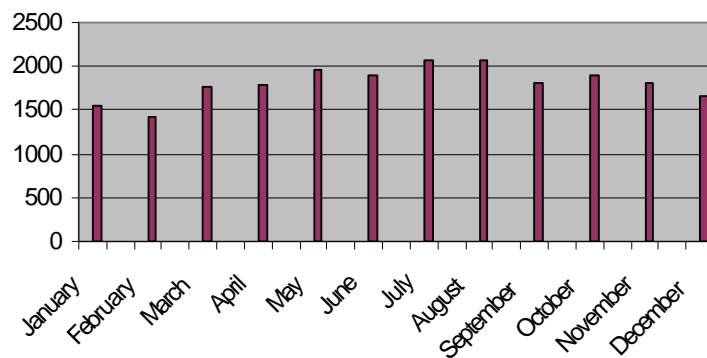
## 2005 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	2784
Monday	3032
Tuesday	3120
Wednesday	2933
Thursday	2909
Friday	3444
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>3514</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21736</b>



## 2005 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH

January	1560
February	1425
March	1776
April	1789
May	1962
June	1898
July	2075
August	2077
September	1800
October	1905
November	1811
<u>December</u>	<u>1658</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21736</b>



2005 CALLS FOR SERVICE  
BY AGENCY

Beatrice Police Department	15208
Nebraska State Patrol	132
Game and Parks	44
Board of Public Works	182
Gage County Sheriffs Office	7522
Wymore Police Department	989
Beatrice Fire and Rescue	3217
Adams Fire	19
Adams Rescue	71
Barneston Fire/QRT's	29
Blue Springs Fire	28
Cortland Fire	56
Clatonia Fire	37
Clatonia Rescue	62
Cortland QRT's	26
Dewitt Fire	2
Filley Fire	26
Odell Fire	21
Odell QRT's	9
Pickrell Fire/QRT's	25
Wymore Fire	32
Wymore Rescue	225

A total for all would not be accurate as on an injury accident for example, there is always a fire unit, a rescue unit, an extrication unit and a law enforcement officer sent therefore this would generate four different calls for service for one actual call.

The Beatrice Communications Center does not dispatch State Patrol officers to calls however, there are times when all deputies are busy on other calls and a State Patrolman is asked to handle a call in the county therefore, they will be dispatched on the call for future reference.

The Beatrice Communications Center answers the Board of Public Works phones on evenings, weekends and holidays and calls out the appropriate department to handle the emergency call. The Communications Center also gets calls for Board of Public Works during normal business hours however in that case, the call is simply transferred out to the Service Center.

The Beatrice Fire and Rescue statistics also includes the Beatrice Rural Fire Department calls. In 2005 we started dispatching Beatrice Rural Fire on all major medical calls, including injury accidents in the county. All of the Beatrice Rural Fire equipment is housed at the Beatrice Fire Department.

# P a t r o l



Captain William Fitzgerald  
1968



Sgt. Gerald Lamkin  
1991



Sgt. Jay Murphy  
1990



Sgt. Tony Lenners  
1986



Sgt. Mike Oliver  
1991



Officer Cheryl Honea  
1984



Officer Jennifer Klaus  
1994



Officer Doug Coon  
1997



Officer Brian Carver  
2000



Officer Wes Henning  
1997



Officer Jay Welch  
1999



Officer Rob Mierau  
2002



Officer Zach Lauenstein  
2002



Officer Justin Kuhn  
2004



Officer Daniel Emken  
2004



School Resource Officer  
Erin Byrne  
1996



Officer Randy Raney  
2005



Officer in Training  
Colleen Morabito  
2005

## Vehicle Summary 2005

The department received one new patrol vehicle in March 2005. This vehicle replaced one of the high mileage patrol vehicles. In December 2005, operating in the 2005 – 2006 budget year, a new patrol vehicle was ordered from Beatrice Ford. It is believed that this vehicle will not arrive and be “street ready” until late March 2006.

The department currently has four, of its six patrol units that have over 70,500 miles. The one with the highest miles at 81,130 will be moved to investigations when the new patrol unit arrives. The patrol units are driven an average of 881 miles a month.

### FLEET INFORMATION

Unit	Year/Make	Model	Mileage	Miles Driven in 2005	Use
1	2005 Ford	Crown Vic	11841	11841	Patrol
2	2002 Ford	Crown Vic	74634	10118	Patrol
3	2001 GMC	Jimmy	70598	9890	Patrol/Supervisor
4	2003 Ford	Crown Vic	44118	10174	Patrol
5	2003 Ford	Crown Vic	63595	14875	Patrol
6	2001 Ford	Crown Vic	81130	6489	Patrol
7	2000 Chevy	Impala	74100	1414	Administration
8	2000 Chevy	Impala	83463	1321	Investigations
9	2000 Ford	Crown Vic	97338	1517	School Resource
11	2002 Chevy	Impala	34858	4120	Administration
14	1999 Ford	Crown Vic	88279	8501	School/Training
15	1997 Ford	Crown Vic	78381	184	Special Operations
Dare	1995 Ford	Mustang	58215	4884	Victim Assistance
Whale	1996 Chevy	Blue Bird Bus	5010	208	Mobile Command

The previous SRO unit was a 1997 Ford and was replaced with a 2000 Ford.

### VEHICLE EXPENSE

	2005	2004	2003
Maintenance/Repairs labor	9,866.20	4,948.25	6,528.25
Gas and Oil	24,108.35	19,741.45	17,269.74
Maintenance/Repairs supplies	7,662.87	7,165.38	9,687.80



# TICKET STATISTICS FOR 2005

## Parking Warnings and Citations

<u>Type</u>	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>Citations</u>
60-6164 Parking on Roadway	6	1
16-269 Improper Parking	6	5
16-271 24 hour parking	113	28
60-6167 Improper Parking	1	
16-376 Parking - 2 hr on meter	9	25
16-351 Red Zone Violation	7	9
16-292 Alley Parking Prohibited	1	4
16-291 Prohibited Parking	13	21
16-277 Parking in Restricted lot	4	13
16-273 Prohibited Parking	3	17
16-274 Obstructing Traffic	1	
16-267 Left Side Parking	14	7
16-355 Meter Violation		8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>138</b>

## Traffic Warnings, Equipment Repairs and Citations

<u>Type</u>	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>ER's</u>	<u>Citations</u>
60-6255 Vision Obstruction	1	3	
16-103 Registration Cert; Duty to Carry	1	1	2
60-6225 Auxiliary Lights	5	1	
16-77 Traffic Signal Violation	28	1	14
60-6283 No Mud Flaps	1	3	
22-46 Littering	1	1	1
60-323 Fictitious Plates		8	5
16-271 24 hour Parking	23	5	
17-182 Trash		1	
60-6270 Failure to Use Seat Belts		1	4
60-4120 POP Violation	3	1	8
60-324 Dirty or Lost Plates		3	
60-120 Address Change	7	6	
60-6219 No Headlight		4	2
60-6224 Failure to Dim		1	
39-6,137(A) No Muffler		1	
60-6230 No red light to rear		2	
17-161 Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	6	1	1
16-249 Stop Sign Violation	35	2	21
16-186 Speeding	260	3	178

<u>Type</u>	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>ER's</u>	<u>Citations</u>
16-168 Exhibition of Acceleration	6	1	4
16-167 Through Traffic in Alley Prohibited	3	1	
16-155 Improper Lane Change		1	
16-122 Muffler Required	1	5	
16-121 Lights required on Vehicle	83	198	2
16-105 Plates/Manner of Display	9	13	
16-104 No License Plates		19	
16-123 Mufflers	14	58	9
16-108 Proof of Ownership		2	11
16-102 Registration Required	12	18	95
16-23 Motor Vehicle Restraint – Children	30	5	20
16-21 Proof of Financial Responsibility – Penalty	1	5	125
16-4 Duty to Carry License Permit	18	21	12
16-2 Operators must be licensed	11	17	24
60-6256 Obstruct View of Driver	1	1	
60-320 Dealer operating without Registration		1	
60-491 Prohibited Act – Drivers License	1		1
60-6267 No Child Restraint	1		
60-6356 Unlawful Operation of an ATV	1		
16-313 Truck Route Violation	1		
16-126 Red Flag Violation	4		
17-171 Loud Stereo	2		
60-6151 Failure to Yield To Emergency Vehicle	1		
60-6212 Careless Driving	1		
16-153 Failure to Yield o Vehicle	7		21
60-6279 No Helmet	3		2
60-489 No Operators License on Person	2		4
60-484 No Valid Operators License	1		11
60-6163 Failure To Signal	5		
17-167 Screeching of Tires	5		4
16-492 Failure to Yield Right of Way to Pedestrian	1		
16-291 Prohibited Parking	3		
16-274 Obstructing Traffic	2		2
16-267 Left Side Parking	3		
16-250 Fail to Yield from a Stop Sign	5		39
16-228 One Way Violation	5		2
16-206 Improper Turn	10		7
16-166 Negligent Driving	3		22
16-156 Unsafe Backing	1		2
16-155 Improper Lane Change	5		4
16-154 Right of Way Generally	1		7
16-151 Fail to Yield ROW/Unmarked	2		2
16-147 improper Passing	1		2
16-146 Passing on Right Side Prohibited	1		
16-142 Driving Left of Center	6		5
16-107 Fictitious License Plates	1		
16-72 Obedience to Traffic Control Device	5		3

<u>Type</u>	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>ER's</u>	<u>Citations</u>
16-24 Vehicle Occupant Protection System Required	22		15
60-6287 Watch TV while Operating MV	2		
60-6146 Fail to Yield			2
60-491.01 Allow Unauthorized Person to operate MV			1
16-602 Leaving Scene of Accident			16
60-6214 Willful Reckless Driving			6
60-6213 Reckless Driving			1
60-4108 DUS Due to ALR/Fail to Comply			7
60-320.01 No Valid Registration			19
60-4,108 Driving Under Suspension			65
60-6212 Careless Driving			4
60-6197 Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test			1
60-623 Fictitious Plates			3
60-4186 Driving Under Suspension			6
60-321 No Proof of Insurance			15
16-601 Duty to Report Accident			3
16-251 Failure to yield From a Yield Sign			2
16-170 Engine Braking Prohibited			1
16-165 Reckless Driving			5
16-144 Passing Violation			1
16-143 Follow too Close			5
16-107 Fictitious License Plates			16
16-14 Permit Clinging to Vehicle			1
16-13 Clinging to Vehicle			1
60-6304 Transport Materials without Covering			1
60-6235 Driving without Headlights			1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>830</b>

### **Animal Warnings, ER's and Citations**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>Citations</u>
5-45 Rabies Tags		5	
17-163 Noise/Animal, Fowl	7	1	1
6-101 Dogs, License		1	
17-182 Nuisance Violation	1	1	
5-56 Dog and Cats must be licensed	24	22	19
5-36 Dog at Large	39	5	23
5-5 Animals Running at Large		4	1
5-38 Nuisance Dogs	3		5
28-1009A Cruelty To Animals			1
5-39 Dangerous/Vicious Dog			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>52</b>

## JUVENILE CONTACT CARDS

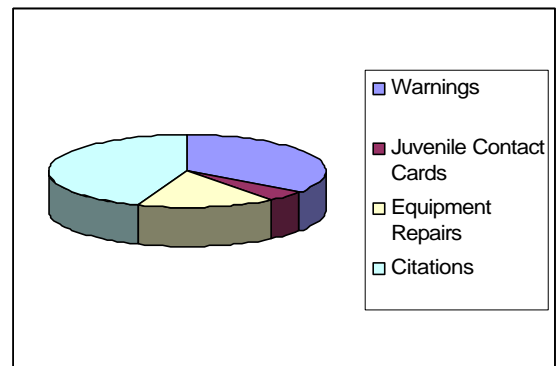
Type of Contact	2004	2005
17-26 Assault	2	4
28-323 Assault Domestic	2	0
28-310A Assault in the 3rd Degree	9	2
28-320B Sexual Assault, 3rd Degree, No injury	1	0
28-517 Possession of Stolen Property	0	1
28-511 Theft by Taking	1	2
17-67 Theft	0	1
28-511D Theft From Building	2	0
60-491 Prohibited Act - Driver's License	3	0
19-30 No Skateboard Helmet	3	3
49-901 Domestic Disturbance/Assault	0	1
28-310 Threatens in Menacing Manner	0	1
17-112 Discharge Weapon within City Limits	0	4
17-70 Shoplifting	32	11
17-52 Criminal Trespass	1	6
17-3 Tobacco Use by Minor	2	5
17-182 Nuisance Violation	3	0
53-180.02 Minor in Possession	0	2
43-248.04 Runaway	42	53
28-1419 Sale of Tobacco to Minor	0	1
60-489 No Operators License on Person	1	0
28-1322 Disturbing the Peace	5	1
28-1009B Cruelty to Animals, 1st Offense	0	2
28-907 False Reporting	4	4
28-521A Criminal Trespass 2nd	7	1
28-520 Criminal Trespass, 1st Degree	0	1
28-519B Criminal Mischief, \$100 to \$300 damage	5	2
28-519 Criminal Mischief	1	5
28-f11F Theft From Motor Vehicle	0	2
28-516 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1	0
28-511 Theft by Unlawful Taking	5	6
28-507 Burglary	0	2
28-416F Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	0
28-441 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	0	2
28-416-13 Poss of Marijuana less than 1 oz	0	2
28-311.01 Terroristic Threats	1	1
60-6170 Failure to Obey Train Signals	1	0
60-6356 Unlawful Operation of an ATV	1	0
60-6279 No Helmet	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>128</b>

## City Ordinance Warnings and Citations

<u>Type</u>	<u>Warnings</u>	<u>Citations</u>
17-168 Unnecessary Noise	2	
3-1 Posting Signs on Utility Poles	7	
22-31 Trash Placed in containers of others	2	
17-182 Trash	9	
17-171 Loud Stereo	2	
19-30 No Skate Board Helmet	3	
17-182 Nuisance Violation	6	
17-161 Disturbing the Peace/Stereo	21	9
17-30 Disturbing the Peace	10	11
16-516 Snowmobiles Prohibited Upon Roadways	1	
22-46 Littering		1
16-621 Junked motor Vehicle Prohibited		5
16-21 Proof of Financial Responsibility - Penalty		1
13-51 Soliciting without a permit		9
17-2 False Reporting		2
28-1322 Disturbing the Peace		4
79-216 Compulsory Education Violation		13
71-1914.03 Operating Daycare Without Permit		1
28-1009A Cruelty to Animals		3
60-6130 Vandalize Signs		1
28-523 littering		2
28-907 False Reporting		5
17-70 Shoplifting		15
17-69 Theft by Taking or Disposition		9
28-511.01 Shoplifting		35
28-515 Theft of Services		2
28-517 Theft by Receiving Stolen Property		1
17-69 Theft of as from Self Service Station		6
28-512 Theft By Deception		6
28-512A False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence		1
17-76 Theft by Receiving Stolen Property		1
43-248.04 Runaway		5
43.248.04 Runaway		60
28-709 Contributing to the Delinquency of a minor		15
28-1418 Use of tobacco by Minor		1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>224</b>

### Ticket totals for 2005:

Warnings - 989  
 Juvenile Contact Cards - 128  
 Equipment Repairs - 454  
 Citations - 1244  
 Grand Total - 2815



## ACCIDENT TALLIES

### By the Day of the Week and hour of Day

Hour	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
0	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	6
1	2	0	3	1	0	1	4	11
2	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	6
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
5	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	5
6	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	4
7	3	2	4	4	2	3	1	19
8	1	4	3	5	2	10	2	27
9	4	3	2	4	4	6	5	28
10	2	3	4	4	5	7	6	31
11	2	3	5	3	5	4	4	26
12	3	9	5	12	6	16	11	62
13	4	3	9	6	7	3	7	39
14	4	10	10	9	5	12	6	56
15	4	9	10	12	7	9	2	53
16	3	4	6	6	8	10	3	40
17	2	5	7	9	10	6	6	45
18	3	7	8	7	5	2	8	40
19	4	4	4	4	1	2	1	20
20	4	2	2	3	2	0	3	16
21	1	3	2	1	4	0	4	15
22	0	2	2	1	1	3	4	13
23	0	1	1	1	3	2	3	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>576</b>

## Type of Accidents for 2005

Non-Injury      510  
 Injury            63  
Fatality        3 – resulting in 5 fatalities

Total      576

## Alcohol Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2003	2004	2005
Driving While Intoxicated	123	66	89
Minor in Possession	172	126	115
Other	89	60	71
Totals	384	252	275

## Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2003	2004	2005
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	3	75	48
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	57	80	51
Drug/Narcotics Violations	56	28	25
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	0	1	5
Poss. Of Precursor to Manufacture Meth	2	17	11
Total	118	201	140

## Juvenile Alcohol and Drug Related Arrests

Type of Arrest	2003	2004	2005
Possession of Marijuana less than 1 oz	1	22	16
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	13	26	10
Drug/Narcotics Violations	10	5	1
Manufacture Drugs with Intent to Distribute	0	0	2
.02 Violation	0	0	1
Minor In Possession	16	58	28
Open Container	0	7	2
Driving While Intoxicated	2	6	6
Total	42	124	66

# Major Crimes





## **Major Crime Report**

Another year has passed us by and we again had the good fortune to escape with no homicides in our city. It would appear that sexual assaults are staying constant with 27 reported again this year, as it was last year.

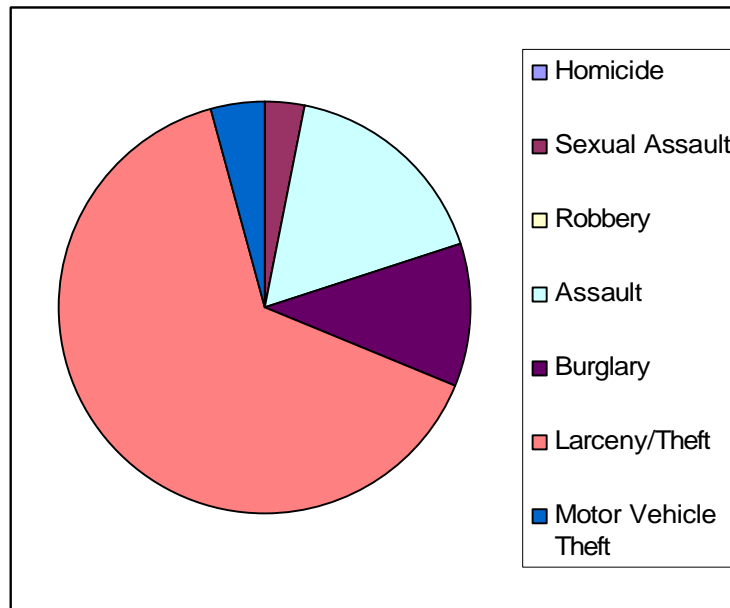
Assaults have gone down significantly with only 154 this year compared to 207 last year. Burglary calls have stayed about the same with 102 this year and 109 last year. Larceny and theft calls seem to always remain high with 591 this year compared to 579 last year.

We seem to see motor vehicle thefts go in spurts from year to year, unfortunately this year we are up with 39 vehicles stolen compared to 20 last year.

## Major Crimes Reported in Beatrice

Offense	2003	2004	2005
Homicide	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	22	27	27
Robbery	4	2	2
Assault	182	207	154
Burglary	88	109	102
Larceny/Theft	466	579	591
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	20	39
<b>Totals</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>915</b>

## Major Crimes for 2005





Investigator Tina Vath  
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## **Criminal Investigations Report**

The criminal investigations unit is responsible for the investigation of cases involving a special subject matter and cases that are more complicated and often of a more time consuming nature. The Criminal Investigations Unit is assigned a case when the nature involves serious criminal activity, such as suspected homicides, suicides, felony thefts and felonious assaults, or when the criminal activity appears to be part of a pattern. The Lieutenant in charge of Support Services commands the Criminal Investigations Unit with one full time investigator assigned to the unit.

During 2005, the Investigation Unit was busy with a variety of cases ranging from thefts, forgeries, sexual assaults, child abuse cases, and drug violations. During January, the Investigations Unit assisted the SEADE Task Force, in serving a search warrant at a residence and business in Beatrice. The search warrant was a result of an ongoing investigation into the sale of Marijuana and Methamphetamine. The search revealed over three pounds of Marijuana and approximately one ounce of Methamphetamine being seized. One subject was arrested and convicted as a result. During June of 2005, the Investigations Unit also assisted in a search warrant of a residence where it was suspected that Methamphetamine was being manufactured. As a result of this search warrant, an active Meth lab was located and dismantled. Six subjects were arrested and convicted for their involvement in the manufacturing process. In May of 2005, an investigation into a drive-by shooting at a residence, resulted in the arrest of one person. Also during May of 2005, the Investigations Unit conducted an investigation of a missing juvenile. Only a few hours into the investigation, the missing juvenile was located in Buenos Aries, Argentina. With the assistance of the FBI, immigration, and U.S. officials in Argentina, the juvenile was returned home to Beatrice, without incident. Also during 2005, the Investigations Unit conducted two separate investigations involving counterfeit money being made and used at different businesses in Beatrice. One investigation resulted with the arrest and conviction of three subjects. The other investigation resulted in the arrest of one subject. All four subjects were convicted and sentenced on forgery charges. The investigator also was part of a team of officers and a dispatcher that assisted the Picayune, Mississippi police department after Hurricane Katrina.

In addition to criminal investigations, the Criminal Investigations Unit conducts background investigations for department personnel, and background investigations for liquor license applications within the City of Beatrice. The Criminal Investigator is also assigned to the state mandated, countywide, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigative Team. This team meets once a month and reviews cases involving suspected child abuse or neglect.

The investigator assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit also serves as the liaison to Crimestoppers of Gage County, Inc. This assignment requires the investigator to attend monthly meetings of the Crimestoppers board. The investigator also is responsible for the maintenance of the statistical reports, writing of the year-end report, and recommending rewards to confidential callers.

## Crime Scene Team

The year of 2005 was one that kept the crime scene team busy. The crime scene team received training on Awareness of Hazardous Materials, how to recognize them and what to do in the event of a hazardous incident. The training was put on by the Beatrice Fire Department. The team also received training on how to recognizing methamphetamine labs and their components and what dangers are present at such scenes. This training was put on by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. In addition to classroom training the team also took part in a homeland security training at Chautauqua Park where procedures were demonstrated on decontamination after being exposed to a hazardous material scene. This training was provided by Emergency Management and the Beatrice Fire Department.

During the year the crime scene team responded to nine call outs. One of the call outs was in the County concerning a single vehicle fatality accident. Five of the remaining calls were executing search warrants within the City. A complete break down of the call outs are shown below:

January 13	The team was called out to assist with the execution of a search warrant of a local business within the City. The warrant was for drugs.
February 2	A search warrant for drugs was executed by the team at a residence within the City.
February 11	The team documented and investigated the scene of a single vehicle fatality accident West of the City.
March 23	The team executed a search warrant at a residence within the City for evidence of counterfeiting.
April 24	The team investigated the scene of a death of an infant at a residence within the City.
May 31	The team conducted a search of a stolen vehicle for evidence.
June 7	The team assisted with the search of a residence for drugs and a methamphetamine lab.
August 23	The team investigated the scene of a sexual assault at a residence within the City.
November 1	The team investigated the scene of a suicide at a residence within the City.

## Arrest Charges

<b>Type of Charges</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Assault 1st/2nd/3 <sup>rd</sup>	85	125	67
Strangulation	0	4	5
Domestic Assault	23	30	63
Protection Order Violations	12	17	24
Sexual Assaults 1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5	2	9
Drug Violations	117	177	149
Burglary	14	33	14
Theft	53	159	31
Criminal Mischief	33	71	73
Child Abuse/Neglect	5	13	37
Weapons Violations	7	20	22
Disturbing the Peace/Disorderly Conduct	19	26	33
MIP/Procuring	129	131	124
DWI/Refusal	96	87	106
Open Container and other Alcohol offenses	33	36	50
Warrant Arrests	14	91	103
Runaway	25	68	65
Terroristic Threats	7	10	18
Forgery 1st Degree	6	4	12
Resisting Arrest and Flight to Avoid	7	4	11
Emergency Protective Custody	1	9	7
Other Offenses	55	265	168
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>1191</b>



2005-2006

## BEATRICE – GAGE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Beatrice-Gage County Emergency Response Teams is a multi-agency tactical unit formed in the mid 1980's to respond to high-risk incidents. The unit is made up of members of the Beatrice Police Department, Gage County Sheriff's Office, and Beatrice Fire and Rescue personnel. The Emergency Response Team is tasked with resolving hostage situations, barricaded subjects, the service of high-risk search and arrest warrants, or any incident requiring high-risk police tactics. ERT is also available to assist the S.E.A.D.E. drug task force with the service of their high-risk search and arrest warrants. Command of an incident falls with the agency head of the jurisdiction where the incident occurs, with the Tactical Team Commander having operational command over the unit.

The unit was able to train frequently as a result of funding from Gage County Emergency Management through a Homeland Security Grant. Training was conducted covering the following areas; use of the ballistic shield, incident command structure, use of surveillance equipment, active shooter training, slow deliberate searches, firearms training, hostage rescue tactics, terrorism, HAZMAT situations, less lethal options, dynamic entry, low light tactics, and tactical diagramming. Evaluation of the training was conducted during three separate training scenarios. In January, 2005 the unit conducted a self-directed hostage rescue scenario. During March, 2005 Gage County Emergency Management conducted a three day training – table top – scenario event. ERT members were tasked with resolving a hostage situation at a school. The three day event was observed by evaluators, local VIP's and the media. In August, Gage County Emergency Management conducted another "terrorist event" which was initiated by the tactical unit conducting a raid on a suspected terrorist's home and discovering a "terrorist plot". The scenario was held in conjunction with an evaluation agency to critique the state's Civil Support Team, which is used to assist local agencies with chemical and biological incidents. In addition to self training, members of the team were certified as instructors in Law Enforcement Response to the Active Shooter. Four separate training sessions were conducted as a result of funding through a Safe Schools grant. The active shooter training was offered to all law enforcement personnel in a four county area (Gage, Saline, Jefferson, and Johnson) and to members of the National Park Service's Special Event Team.

There was one incident requiring the activation of the Emergency Response Team. During August, 2005, ERT was requested to resolve a barricaded incident after a suspect barricaded himself in his residence after a deputy attempted to serve an arrest warrant. After a brief stand off the incident was resolved and the suspect arrested.

### Team Member Information:

Team Commander	Captain Bill Fitzgerald	BPD
Team Leader	Sergeant Tony Lenners	BPD
Asst Team Leader	Sergeant Jay Murphy	BPD
Team Members	Sergeant Mike Oliver	BPD
	Officer Wes Henning	BPD
	Officer Erin Byrne	BPD
	Sergeant Anna White	GCSO
	Deputy Joe Kubicek	GCSO
	Deputy Chuck Menezes	GCSO
	Deputy Larry Kendall	GCSO
Negotiations Team Leader	Sergeant Jerry Lamkin	BPD
Negotiations Team Member	Officer Zac Lauenstein	BPD
Tactical Medics	Mike Massey	BF&R
	Craig Fisher	BF&R
	Jake Carel	BF&R
	Jim Young	BF&R



## Gage County Victim Assistance Program

- The Victim Assistance Program has been in existence since 1995. It is supported by VOCA federal grant funds and matching in-kind funding by the City of Beatrice and Gage County. The daily operation of duties of the director include but are not limited to direct contact either face to face or phone contact with victims, assistance with protection orders, criminal justice advocacy, follow up contact, etc. The director is also responsible for grant writing and keeping track of all statistics for VOCA funding.
- This program provides services to all victims of crime in Gage County. Some of the services provided are listed below:

Crisis Intervention

Personal Advocacy

Compensation Assistance

Jail Release Information

VINE Information/Registration

Parole Information

Victim Impact Statements

Transportation

Property Release

Protection Order Assistance

Restitution Information/Assistance

Criminal Justice Advocacy

911 Cellular Phones

- I am a Board Member and Treasurer of the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime which meets monthly.
- I serve on the Board of PATCH and the Gage County Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Council.
- I serve on the Coordinating Council of the Gage County MAPS (Multiple Agencies Partnering for Success) and on the Community Justice Committee of the Gage County MAPS.

## Victim Assistance Program Statistics 2005

### TYPE OF SERVICE

### NUMBER OF TIMES PROVIDED

Crisis Counseling	73
Personal Advocacy	248
Information/Referral (In Person)	149
Information/Referral (Phone Contact)	152
Emergency Financial Assistance	0
Follow Up Contact	614
Criminal Justice Support/Advocacy	343
Compensation Assistance	3
Transportation	4
Protection order Assistance	67
Cellular Phone Program	5
Other	6
<b>Total Number of Services Provided</b>	<b>1,664</b>
<b>Total Number of Victims Served</b>	<b>526</b>

### TYPE OF CRIME

### # OF VICTIMS SERVED

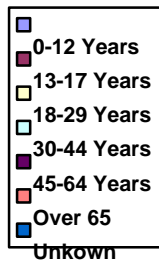
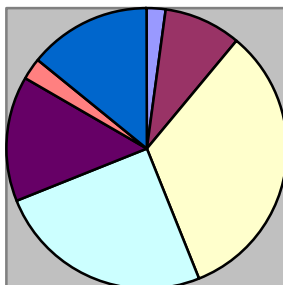
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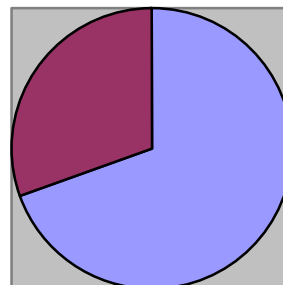
Homicide	12	Sexual Assault (Adult)	8
Child Abuse/Physical	2	Domestic Violence	121
Child Abuse/Sexual	18	Incest Survivor	0
DWI/DUI	4	Assault	42
Robbery	0	Elder Abuse	0
Burglary	20	Business	0
Arson	0	Other	161

## DEMOGRAPHICS

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## Training in 2005

The Beatrice Police Department has many training seminars at the Police Department on a monthly schedule. These are usually taught by members of the Police Department who have been trained to be instructors. Some of this training is CPR, Radar, OC Aerosol Projector, Defensive Tactics, Tactical Firearms. We try to do this training at least once a month.

We try to send as many officers to different types of training as our schedule permits. This allows us to keep current with ever changing laws while trying to keep overtime to a minimum. This past year we have been able to send 14 different officers to special training, as well as having all officers attending several (5) sessions of training.

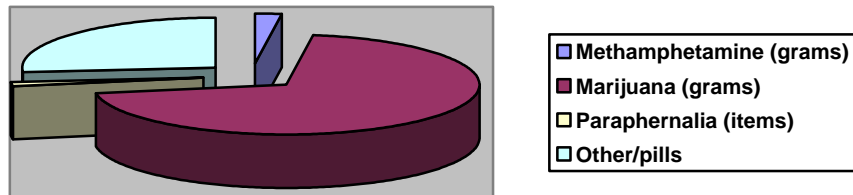
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| 1.  | Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> – Incident Command Training  | All Officers      |
| 2.  | Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> – CPR  | All Officers      |
| 3.  | March 14 <sup>th</sup> – Standard field sobriety testing and DRE  | All Officers      |
| 4.  | March 28 <sup>th</sup> thru April 1 <sup>st</sup> – Iowa Regional Traing Center                             |                   |
|     | Prevailing in low light conditions- Instructors Course  | Sgt Lenners       |
| 5.  | March 29 <sup>th</sup> thru 31 <sup>st</sup> – Iowa Regional Training Center                                |                   |
|     | Street survival   | Vath / Launestien |
| 6.  | March 25 <sup>th</sup> – Psychological first aid training   | Kerri McGrury     |
| 7.  | April 11 <sup>th</sup> – Computer Training at Police Department   | All Officers      |
| 8.  | April 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> – Omaha – Justice for Crime Victims                               | Kerri McGrury     |
| 9.  | April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> and May 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Grant Writing – BSDC | Welch             |
| 10. | April 21 <sup>st</sup> – Tecumseh – Children and Meth Labs  | Vath / Lamkin     |
|     |   | Lenners / Oliver  |
|     |   | Murphy            |
| 11. | May 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fraud Training Seminar  | Capt Fitzgerald   |
|     |   | Sgt. Murphy       |
| 12. | Sept – Identify and Handling Meth Labs – Fairbury   | Chief Lang        |
|     |   | Capt Fitzgerald   |
|     |   | All ERT members   |
| 13. | October 12 <sup>th</sup> – Police Dept – Identity theft   | McGrury / Vath    |
|     | Crimes against children and stalking  | Morabito / Klaus  |
| 14. | Nov 18 <sup>th</sup> – Beatrice – Fingerprint Training  | Vath / Murphy     |
| 15. | Nov 29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> – Washington DC  |                   |
|     | Drug Free communities Grantee Train   | Steph Wallman     |
| 16. | Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> – Grand Island  |                   |
|     | Indoor Cannabis Cultivation Investigators School  | Reiss             |

## **SEADE REPORT**

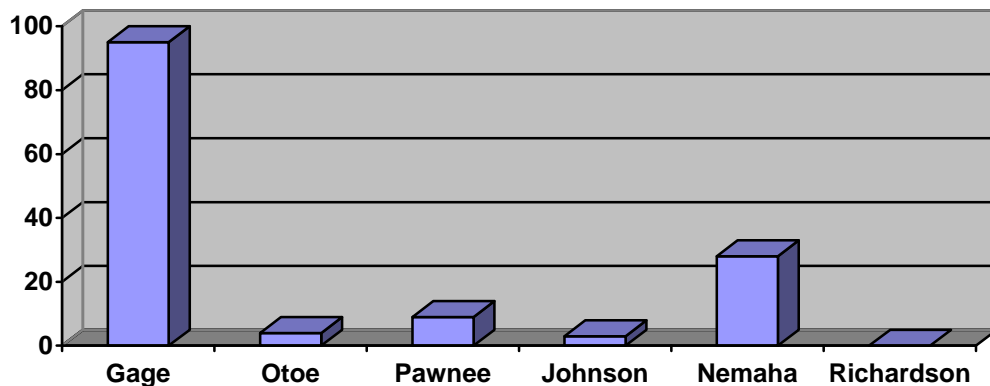
SEADE is a drug task force that operates off of a federal grant administered by the Nebraska Crime Commission. SEADE also receives matching funds from the six counties that it serves. SEADE has two full time investigators and a part-time secretary. The following are statistics for the year 2005.

<u><b>Cases Initiated</b></u>	137
<u><b>Confidential Informants</b></u>	14
<u><b>Intelligence Reports</b></u>	219
<u><b>Arrests</b></u>	21
<u><b>Drug Buys Initiated</b></u>	9
<u><b>Search Warrants</b></u>	7

### Drugs Seized



The SEADE Task Force serves a six county area. Below is a graph demonstrating cases per county.



SEADE continues to proactively combat the drug problem by presenting information to local groups concerning the dangers of drug use. The SEADE Secretary presented information on methamphetamine to 28 area organizations including presentations at Wymore Southern Elementary and High School, Beatrice High School, the Second Annual Teens Night Out, and Eight Grade Health Day. SEADE Investigators continue to build relationships with local retailers to curb precursor purchases by those wanting to manufacture the drug. Methamphetamine continues to be a concern in 2005. Although Nebraska State Patrol statistics show that meth lab seizures were down from 2004, the majority of methamphetamine that we see in Nebraska is brought in from outside the state, mainly from California and Mexico. It is estimated that between 70 and 80 percent of the drug enters the state from outside its borders. The typical meth lab in Nebraska is capable of producing anywhere from ½ ounce to 2 ounces of the drug, however, meth lab clean up can consume up to 80 percent of law enforcement's time depending on the size and active status of the lab. Fewer meth labs means more time for officers to target those who are dealing and using the drug, it doesn't mean we will have less of the drug.

Meth is a stimulant that affects the central nervous system. It is said that 98 percent of people who try meth will become addicted to it. SEADE has interviewed many meth users and they all say the same thing, that after the first use they didn't know when they were going to use again, they just knew they would. Methamphetamine causes a huge release of dopamine in the user's brain. Dopamine is a naturally occurring chemical we have in our brain that allows us to feel pleasure. Meth also causes the release of serotonin, a naturally occurring chemical in our brains that gives us a sense of well-being.

A third is released, norepinephrine. when your body goes into words, it's where the from. People who use meth they have never felt with more energy than they incredible feeling they get an impression on the user again. Over time, the brain



and the only time the user can experience pleasure is when they are under the influence of the drug. This creates a huge obstacle for people who want to stop using. Without the drug they feel miserable...angry, sad, irritable, and prone to violence. They experience these same feelings when they are coming down off of a high, known as "tweaking". Longtime meth abusers typically have brain function similar to that of paranoid schizophrenics. Another typical affect of meth use is known as "crank bugs". Because of the way that meth affects the central nervous system, over-stimulation of the nerves, users get the sensation that they have bugs crawling under their skin and it causes them to pick at the bugs until they actually caused an open sore.

is depleted of dopamine. Norepinephrine is released fight or flight mode, in other adrenaline rush comes often experience a high like before....a euphoric high know what to do with. The from this drug makes such that they crave that feeling

Meth can be injected, smoked (heated and the fumes inhaled), snorted, and taken orally. If it is smoked or injected the high is almost instantaneous, happening within seconds. The high from meth can last from 6 to 12 hours depending on the quality of the drug. The effects of crystal meth, often called "ice", can last up to 24 hours. Crystal meth is a purer form of meth, some say up to 90% pure, with more intense effects. Crystal meth is more likely to cause the user to have visual and auditory hallucinations. Meth, in general, causes users to become very paranoid. Users will lie, cheat, steal, and use force to get the money to get more meth or to get the ingredients to manufacture the drug. This increases the incidents of burglary, vandalism, theft/shoplifting, and assault. It's clear that this drug creates problems in all aspects of our society.

Methamphetamine typically is found as a coarse powder, white to off-white in color. The texture is comparable to that of sugar or salt. However, SEADE has purchased light pink and tan colored meth. We have also seen meth that is very fine textured, like flour or powdered sugar. Crystal meth looks like little shards of broken glass or ice, which is where it gets the street name "ice".



Meth can be detected in the user's blood or urine from 12 – 72 hours after initial use. It can be detected in hair for up to 90 days. Some of the affects of meth use are: rotten teeth, emaciated look (extreme weight loss), body odor, open sores (crank bugs), changes in the way the brain works (dopamine & serotonin), highly addictive, heightened sexual activity (std's and abuse as the user seeks to fulfill the sexual urge), increased heart and respiratory rates, increased body temperature, paranoia, hallucinations, decreased social life, severe depression (resulting from the inability to experience pleasure unless on the drug), sleep deprivation, excessive talking, hyperactivity, aggressiveness, and violent tendencies (volatile behavior).

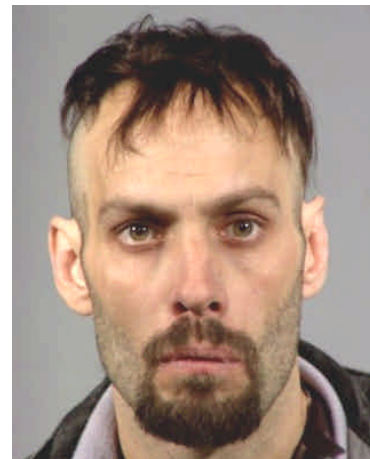
Meth will continue to be a danger in 2006.



Meth and Packaging



Before



After 4 years of meth use

## BIKE PATROL

The Beatrice Police Officers over all hours spent on bikes in 2005 was down significantly due to low staffing. The Bike Patrol did patrol Homestead days and the last day of school. Bike patrol was also utilized on special assignments and targeted areas of town that had an increase in property crimes.

Officers did spend around 40 hours on bike patrol. During this time one traffic arrest was made along with several warnings being issued.



## **School Resource Officer Program (SRO) for 2005**

The School Resource Officer Program completed it's sixth year of existence in 2005. As in previous years, the SRO program continues to thrive and be beneficial to both the Beatrice High School and the Beatrice Middle School, as well as the Beatrice Police Department. In addition, occasional SRO duties at the Beatrice Alternative High School and the Beatrice SKILLS program have enjoyed a high success rate.

The goal of the SRO program is to bridge the gap between students, schools, and the police by becoming a liaison when problems arise. In addition, crime prevention and law enforcement both in and out of the schools are prime ingredients in making our schools a safer place to be. The SRO program enjoys an excellent working relationship with the Superintendent's Office, High School Administration and Staff, and Middle School Administration and Staff. It is due to this excellent working relationship that many crimes in school are prevented from happening or solved after they do.

Reported crime in the Beatrice Public Schools continues to be on the decline, with the two most common crimes being theft and assault. Theft crimes are down again in the Beatrice High School for the fourth year in a row, and this can be attributed to some changes made with the assistance of BHS administration as well as the assistance of student aides placed in areas of frequent theft. Presentations in the classroom continue to be an integral part of the SRO program, and are done in various subjects. Mediation between students also continues to be an excellent tool in preventing crime, particularly assault.

Reported crimes in the Beatrice Middle School are possibly close to an all time low since the inception of the SRO program in 1999, with very few actual crimes being reported in 2005. Many of the problem issues are solved with the assistance of BMS administration prior to the issue rising to the level of a criminal violation. Assaults are down at BMS as well, with the numbers having been reduced by a large percentage in 2005.

The only criminal issue that appears to be on the rise is Truancy arrests, however this is believed to be partially due to the fact that the State Legislature changed and enacted a law in 2005 which requires students to attend school until 18 years of age, instead of 16 years of age. The Truancy arrests do not appear to be age specific however, and are occurring at both the Middle School and High School level. Continued education and enforcement will be performed with regard to Truancy in order to effectively try and combat it.

Overall, the SRO program continues to be a beneficial program to both the Beatrice Public School District and the Beatrice Police Department. I believe that the SRO program will continue to provide quality results for many years to come, and will foster additional working relationships between the BPS District and the Beatrice Police Department.



## Gage County Community Service Coordinator Report

The Gage County Community Service Coordinator position was created from grant funds in May of 2003. The program was instituted to assist juveniles, and some adults, in finding community service work when assigned by the Court, Probation, or Juvenile Diversion.

An orientation is held every other Thursday evening at the Beatrice Police Department. The orientation is designed to prepare the individual for his/her community service work by filling out the appropriate paperwork and discussing the Six Pillars of Character. Once the required paperwork has been reviewed and completed the person receives a copy of area non-profit organizations that are willing to allow the offenders to do community service at their agency. Currently we have 36 agencies participating in the Community Service Program. Juveniles attending orientation also receive several pamphlets educating them about the dangers of drug abuse. Parents/guardians attending with their child/children also receive drug education material that is designed specifically for parents.

In 2005, 103 youth completed the Community Service Orientation. The total number of community service hours completed for 2005 were 1,459. The Community Service Coordinator Program continues to grow as more people become aware of this service.



## **Hurricane Relief Trip to Picayune, MI**

As we all know on August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina reached landfall on the gulf coast. The area in and around New Orleans Louisiana was completely devastated. This would include the Gulf Coast area of Mississippi. The Beatrice Chamber of Commerce came up with the idea of adopting a city in the affected area in hopes of helping the city recover from this devastating storm. Picayune Mississippi was chosen and became our sister city. Picayune is located approximately 45 miles northwest of New Orleans Louisiana. Picayune with a population of about 10,500 was chosen because it is close in size to Beatrice.

Besides sending the normal things like clothes, food and water to an area that has seen a disaster such as this the City of Beatrice would send people. The word from Picayune was that they needed police officers and firefighters as their officers and firefighters have been on duty everyday since the storm, some had not yet had time to check their own homes as they have been living at the Picayune Police Department since the storm struck. Word went out on Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> that we would be sending police officers and a dispatcher to Picayune, and that we were looking for volunteers. Almost every police officer that did not have prior obligations volunteered to go. Volunteers were selected based on shift schedules so it would have a minimal affect on our department. Those selected were Lt. Joe Hawkins, Sgt Mike Oliver, Inv. Tina Vath, Officer Erin Byrne, Officer Brian Carver and dispatcher Chris Henrichs.

On September 6<sup>th</sup> we were sworn in as Deputy US Marshals so we would have arrest powers, we then loaded up into 3 vehicles. We took a marked patrol car a SUV pulling a trailer full of items donated by the community and a donated pickup pulling a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel camper that would be our home. We experienced a little trouble just outside of St. Joe Missouri. The SUV and trailer full of donated items made a detour into the medium blowing out two trailer tires and a tire on the SUV. After getting the tires fixed and towed out of the ditch we spent a long couple of hours unloading and reloading the trailer. We drove to just south of St Louis Missouri where we spent the night and were back on the road early on Friday morning. We arrived in Picayune at approximately 11:00 pm Friday night. The trip of 1058 miles took us over 24 hours of drive time to complete.

We were met by officers and escorted to the Picayune Police Department. By this time some of the city had its power restored but not all of it. As we drove through the city we could see that there were buildings in the downtown area destroyed and there were trees down everywhere. On Saturday morning we unloaded the donated items at a distribution center and received our work schedule. Officers Byrne and Carver were lucky enough to get to work a 12-hour dayshift. They spent most of there time at the food and clothing distribution centers keeping the peace and traffic control. Lt. Hawkins, Sgt. Oliver and Inv. Vath were chosen to work the 12-hour night shift. We were paired with a Picayune Officer and patrolled and answered calls for service. There was a curfew being enforced from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am. Anybody caught out after 11:00 without a reason such as work or an emergency was arrested and taken to jail. Chris Henrichs helped in the Picayune Dispatch Center during the

evening hours, her duties included answering the phone and the radio. There were officers from all over the United States in Picayune along with the National Guard and more arriving everyday, so many in fact that it was becoming difficult to assign them all. We worked Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and packed up on Wednesday for the trip home. Before leaving on Wednesday we drove further south to the city limits of New Orleans. The area from Slidell Louisiana, which is 20 miles south of Picayune to New Orleans, was completely devastated.

I know that everyone of us that went to Picayune saw it as a once in a lifetime experience. We got to see first hand the power of Mother Nature. We also got to see first hand the power of the human spirit. We saw the cultural differences of the south and we experienced southern hospitality at its best. All in all it was a great success.

Sgt. Mike Oliver



## **Special Security Detail**

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2005 the Beatrice community paid their final respects to a hometown soldier who succumbed to injuries he received in battle, fighting in Iraq.

This department provided escort security for one of the largest funeral processions, this community has ever seen. When the lead police unit pulled off at the entrance of Evergreen Cemetery, the end of the procession was crossing the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> & Court St. Citizens lined the sidewalks in the downtown area and along the funeral route. Four Beatrice Police units were assisted by two units from the Gage County Sheriff Department and one from the Nebraska State Patrol, to block the most congested intersections and allowed the funeral processions to travel without incident.

On the evening prior to the funeral, our assistance was requested in providing security near the funeral home. A religious group from Kansas had planned a public demonstration at this location. Effective measures were taken to seal off a portion of the public access directly in front of the funeral home, to ensure those paying their respects could do so without physical confrontation by demonstrators. The demonstrators were permitted use of the public access across the roadway from the funeral home to lawfully engage in expressing their First Amendment rights.

## **Distributing Teddy Bears to local Children**

During the last 7 years, Captain Fitzgerald has approached the local discount stores and the Dillard Store of Lincoln with a request for donations of Christmas and Valentine teddy bears that were left over after the holidays. All stores have always been eager to donate. With the cooperation of the local schools we arrive at the schools and held drawings to distribute the bears to children from each school. It is very gratifying to see how happy these children are to receive these bears. It is estimated that over the last seven years approximately 350 bears have been given to children at our local grade schools.